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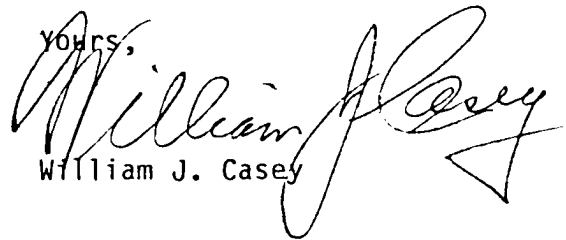
Dear Mr. Chairman,

I would like to suggest to your committee a formula which would accomplish three things:

1. Replace the nebulous standard of "ultimate" purpose with a clear and objective standard as to what may not be supported in Nicaragua.
2. Condition any activity on certification every six months that:
  - (a) Nicaragua continues support of revolutionary violence in other countries, and
  - (b) U.S. continues reasonable efforts to negotiate a peaceful settlement and verifiable cessation of hostilities in Central America.
3. Avoid putting the United States in the position of protecting the Sandinista government from the pressure of its own people while it keeps a free hand to support and instigate violence outside its borders in an attempt to overthrow the elected government of El Salvador.

Attached is an outline of a possible formulation of this idea.

yours,

  
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The Honorable Edward P. Boland  
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on  
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Washington, D. C. 20515

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I. NEGATIVE COVENANTS

- No introduction of heavy offensive weapons, such as artillery, armored vehicles, multiple rocket launchers
- No attacks on capital city
- No attacks on power plants
- No attacks on agricultural enterprises
- No attacks on dams or irrigation systems
- No attacks on water works
- No attacks on civilian-related factories
- No individual acts of violence (kidnappings, etc.)

II. POSITIVE CERTIFICATION

- Certification by the President that export of revolution continues, and reasonable efforts to bring about peaceful and verifiable resolution of conflict in Central America are being made.